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In re Application of
Richard L. Hilton, et al.
Application No. 10/607,624
Filed: June 27, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 200205511-1

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed September 27, 2007, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.


The application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to a non-final Office action mailed March 8, 2007. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment. On September 27, 2007, the present petition was filed.

The petition is not signed by an attorney of record in the application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Wendell J. Jones appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay¹.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2185 for consideration of the amendment filed September 27, 2007.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.


Sherry D. Brinkley
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¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.